

since they have been held, with the exception of the consolidation of the tract and mission work, and the sending of Wilber Stover and wife and Miss — as

MISSIONARIES TO INDIA.

The tract and mission work will have its headquarters temporarily at Mt. Morris. A radical measure looking to the preservation of "the order" was passed almost unanimously. It provides that no one not dressed in "the order" shall be eligible as a delegate to district meeting. J. T. Meyers made a powerful and logical speech against passing such a sweeping and radical prohibitory law, but the current of opinion was so strong in its favor that no one else ventured to raise his voice against it and it passed by an overwhelming majority. The Progressive Conservatives who had hoped for a mitigation of the rigorous "order" laws

FEEL VERY BLUE

over this extra twist of the screws of A. M. dictation.

We had the pleasure of meeting in their most hospitable homes the families of

BRETHREN OLINGER, A. D. GNAGEY, AND

DR. U. M. BEACHLY.

All were over-run with A. M. people; never-the-less our brief sojourn with them us gave a slight insight to the substantial, accomplished and self-sacrificing character of our Meyersdale membership. With them nothing seems to be good enough that can be made better.

Here the first "Progressive" church was built. As we sat in it we could not help recalling the consternation and the horror with which the church learned of the degeneracy of those who dared to build a house with a steeple, pulpit and stained glass! So far removed as we are from those days it is hard to believe that such insignificant items could possibly excite so much caustic controversy as they did. And now to find the same people who pronounced the anathemas of God against its projectors filling its pulpits and pews, and joyfully taking shelter under their roofs and feeding from their generous ladders shows how old Father Time smooths away and cools off the wrath of Hell.

In accordance with our program we called on the Brethren in Conemaugh, Rosedale, Johnstown and Moxham. Brother J. F. Koontz, the pastor, was nearing the close of a two week's revival effort at Conemaugh. He had large attendance and deep interest.

SEVENTEEN HAD "COME FOWARD,"

most of whom he had already baptized. He insisted on us preaching, but not being favorable to a change of preachers in revival work we positively declined and would listen to no overtures. Bro. Koontz is a sub-

stantial pastor and a successful revivalist. No church will suffer under his ministrations.

On Saturday evening we met an appreciative audience at Rosedale, Brother Stephen Hildebrand's charge. Bro. H. has lived in this county all his life save six years; and has, with the exception of six years, preached continuously practically to the same people

FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS.

He held a successful revival in this charge last winter, and seems to be as much appreciated by his people as the proverbial "new broom." To our knowledge we have no brother who has so long labored successfully for the same people. Rosedale is well known to our travelling brethren on account of its being the home of our benevolent and staunch Brother Benj. Benshoff. Although he was substantially built Time has plowed some deep furrows in his face. Here we also met Aunt Barbara Snyder and Aunt Mattie Strayer—two of the oldest Progressive sisters we know of in the church—and both appreciative readers of the EVANGELIST.

Sunday morning we preached in the Johnstown church. This edifice had the reputation when it was built of being the best property in the Dunkard church, and is to day the most valuable held by any congregation of the Brethren. Although at the time the division occurred only eleven of this class went "Progressive," it now numbers over one-hundred. Brother Shaver is serving them as temporary pastor, but obligations to his home church do not permit him to remain longer than July 1st. Until that time they hope to find some consecrated brother, "able to teach others also" whom they can "call" to take permanent possession. To the right man this charge contains more of the desirable qualities of a pastorate than any other we know of in the Brotherhood.

We preached at Moxham at 3:30 P. M. This is a suburb of Johnstown. The cause of the Brethren has been greatly augmented in this place by the indefatigable energies of Bro. A. Hayes. There is every prospect of building up a good congregation here.

In the evening we refused to preach on account of our predisposition to nervous prostration, and thereby enjoyed one of Brother Shaver's well rounded, unique and effective sermons. On account of his extensive and successful labors—in the Virginians and Maryland particularly—we had a special desire to meet him and form a personal acquaintance which in his case never resulted to his disadvantage. With most of our members in the above named places we played when we were children, but now we have "put away childish things" and are trying to "prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Johnstown is especially rich in local preachers. Eld's B. Gochnour, R. Z. Replogle, Daniel Crawford and W. A. Adams, all able ministers, reside in this charge, but are engaged in secular affairs of different kinds and preach only when urgent cases require it. It is not clear to us that they are justifiable in neglecting the gift bestowed upon them by the laying on of hands. However, as we said nothing to them personally about it we shall not discuss it here.

The city of Johnstown is much more beautiful than before the flood. A place of solemn interest and of majestic beauty is Grand View cemetery. It is

FIVE-HUNDRED FEET ABOVE

the level of the business portion of the city, but is easily and quickly reached at the nominal expense of five cents per trip by means of an inclined railway nine hundred feet long. On this plateau are some of the richest mansions of the city. It is one of the most commanding sites to be found. Bro. R. Z. Replogle has just completed

A BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE

on the highest point of this prominence. Like every thing else given us by the kind hand of an infinitely wise God the scenery above Johnstown must be seen to be appreciated.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

So far as we have yet heard the representation at the National conference this year will be the largest it has ever been. A great many persons who have never seen our college property are anxious to see what so much has been said about. There should be a good "turn out," and then if unfavorable to conference being held so frequently in the future vote the next one off the proper limit.

We have considerable matter on "Divine Healing" which we shall hold for a "special number" on that subject to be published July 4th. Any one wishing to write on this question either *pro* or *con* is hereby notified that only in that number will any thing on that question be published until after National conference. All copy intended for this issue should reach us not later than June 23rd.

A secular paper received by Bro. Haskins contained the following item which showed that no body of any intelligence really considers sprinkling baptism.

FORTY BAPTIZED.

Motorman W. H. Keller was off from duty Monday and Tuesday. He was visiting his mother and sister at Sodus, Mrs. Keller and children going on Sunday to attend the baptising at King's landing. There were about forty applicants baptized and sprinkled. There were thought to be about 700 gathered on the banks of the river to witness the baptising.